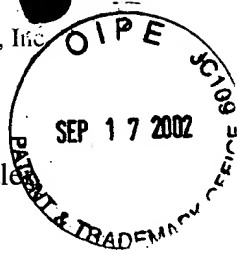


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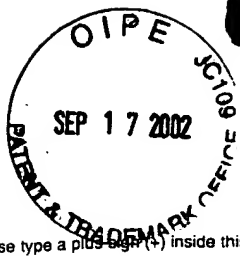
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1. (Once Amended) A disk drive with improved shrouding, comprising:
  - (a) a disk;
  - (b) a spindle motor for rotating the disk;
  - (c) an actuator arm;
  - (d) a head coupled to a distal end of the actuator arm;
  - (e) [an actuator arm for actuating the head radially over the disk];
  - (f) a rotary actuator for rotating the actuator arm about a pivot to actuate the head radially over the disk;
  - (g) a base; and



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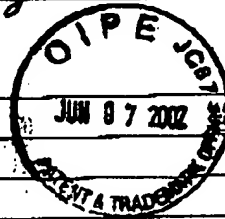


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